

Services, their dependents, and other authorized persons. Persons appointed to the chaplaincy shall be able to perform a ministry for their own specific faith groups, and provide for ministries appropriate to the rights and needs of persons of other faith groups. Persons appointed to the chaplaincy shall be capable of providing professional staff support to the Military Department concerned.

§ 65.4 Responsibilities.

(a) The *Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel)* (ASD(FM&P)) may issue additions implementing guidance consistent with DOD 5025.1-M, as appropriate.

(b) The *Secretaries of the Military Departments* shall follow the policy and procedures in this part to ensure that persons appointed to the chaplaincy shall meet the minimum professional and educational qualifications prescribed herein and any additional requirements established by law and regulation for appointment as an officer and a chaplain.

§ 65.5 Procedures.

(a) *Ecclesiastical Certification of Clergy*

(1) To be considered for appointment and to serve as a chaplain, clergy shall be certified by a DOD-recognized ecclesiastical endorsing agent. The ecclesiastical certification shall attest that the applicant:

(i) Is a fully qualified member of the clergy of a religious faith group represented by the certifying Agency.

(ii) Is qualified to provide directly or indirectly for the free exercise of religion by all members of the Military Services, their dependents, and other authorized persons.

(2) The required ecclesiastical certification shall be made on DD Form 2088, "Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agent Certification." If the applicant has completed a number of years of active professional experience after the completion of educational requirements for the chaplaincy, the certifying agent shall so state on DD Form 2088.

(3) Chaplains who fail to maintain their ecclesiastical certification shall

be processed in accordance with DOD Directive 1332.31.¹

(b) *Criteria for Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agencies.* (1) Religious faith groups that seek to become ecclesiastical endorsing agents for the purpose of certifying the professional qualifications of clergy for appointment as chaplains in the Military Services shall obtain DOD recognition through the action of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board (AFCB). To be considered for DOD recognition, each religious faith group shall:

(i) Be organized exclusively or substantially to provide religious services to a lay constituency.

(ii) Be able to exercise ecclesiastical authority to grant or withdraw ecclesiastical certification.

(iii) Be able to provide continuing validation of ecclesiastical certification.

(iv) Be able to certify clergy who are qualified to provide directly or indirectly for the free exercise of religion by all members of the Military Services, their dependents, and other authorized persons.

(v) Abide by the applicable DOD regulations and policies.

(2) Through the action of the AFCB, the Department of Defense may revoke its recognition of an ecclesiastical endorsing agent that fails to continue to meet the criteria of paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (v) of this section. The AFCB, before revoking the recognition of an ecclesiastical endorsing agent, shall provide written notice to the Agency concerned stating the reasons for the proposed revocation and providing a reasonable opportunity for the Agency to reply in writing to the AFCB.

(3) Religious faith groups recognized by the Department of Defense as ecclesiastical endorsing agents may authorize third parties to act on their behalf for accomplishing the administrative procedures in accession of chaplains for the Military Services, and of maintaining liaison with chaplains of the recognized faith group. Each such authorization shall be made in writing by an official authorized by the faith group to

¹Copies may be obtained if needed, from the U.S. Naval Publication and Forms Center, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Attn: Code 301, Philadelphia, PA 19120.

grant such authorization, and a copy of the authorization shall be filed with the AFCB.

(c) *Educational Requirements.* (1) To be considered for appointment as a chaplain in the Military Services, an applicant shall:

(i) Possess a baccalaureate degree of not less than 120 semester hours from a college that is listed in the "Education Directory, Colleges and Universities"² or from a school whose credits are accepted by a college listed in the Directory Education.

(ii) Have completed 3 resident years of graduate professional study in theology or related subjects (normally validated by the possession of a Master of Divinity degree, an equivalent degree, or 90 semester hours) that lead to

ecclesiastical certification as a member of the clergy fully qualified to perform the ministering functions of a chaplain.

(2) The applicant shall complete the graduate professional study referred to in §65.5(c)(1)(ii), at a graduate school listed in the Education Directory, Colleges and Universities; an accredited school listed in the "Directory, ATS Bulletin, Part 4";³ or from a school whose credits are accepted by a school listed in the Directory or listed as accredited in the "Directory, ATS Bulletin, part 4."

(d) *Other Requirements.* Applicants for the chaplaincy also shall meet the requirements established by the Military Departments for appointment as an officer and a chaplain.

²Current edition published by U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Washington, DC 20202.

³Current edition published by the Association of Theological Schools, Vandalia, Ohio 45377.

APPENDIX TO PART 65—ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSING AGENT CERTIFICATION

ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSING AGENT CERTIFICATION				Form Approved OMB Number 0704-0190 Expires Jan 31, 1990	
<small>Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Washington Headquarters Services, Directorate for Information Operations and Reports, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302, and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.</small>					
Privacy Act Statement					
AUTHORITY:		Title 10, United States Code, Sections 532 and 591; and EO 9397, November 1943 (SSN)			
PURPOSE:		To certify the professional qualifications of clergy for appointment in the Military Services.			
ROUTINE USE:		This form is an essential element of a chaplain's professional qualifications and will become part of a chaplain's military personnel record.			
DISCLOSURE:		Voluntary; however, failure to provide all the information requested may significantly delay the processing of this endorsement.			
1. FROM:	a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF ENDORSING AGENCY		b. ADDRESS (Street, City, State, and Zip Code)		
2. TO:	a. CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS (X appropriate block)		(1) Army		b. ADDRESS (Street, City, State, and Zip Code)
			(2) Navy		
			(3) Air Force		
3. APPLICANT INFORMATION					
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			e. NUMBER OF YEARS APPLICANT HAS COMPLETED ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL / PASTORAL EXPERIENCE (after completing the requirements for the Chaplaincy).		
b. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)		c. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)		f. NUMBER OF YEARS APPLICANT HAS COMPLETED PRIOR ACTIVE COMMISSIONED OFFICER SERVICE.	
d. ADDRESS (Street, City, State, and Zip Code)			g. APPLICATION IS FOR (X one)		
			(1) Inactive Reserve		
			(2) Extended active duty		
			(3) Appointment to regular commissioned officer		
			(4) Appointment to National Guard		
4. ENDORSER INFORMATION					
a. AS THE AUTHORIZED ENDORSING AGENT FOR (name of religious faith group) AND IN RECOGNITION OF DoD DIRECTIVE 1304.19, I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE APPLICANT PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED AS CLERGY AND ENDORSED FOR THE MILITARY CHAPLAINCY.					
b. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			c. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)		
d. SIGNATURE			e. DATE SIGNED (YYMMDD)		
5. AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS PERTAINING TO THIS ENDORSEMENT (DoD Directive 1304.19, Paragraph E.2.c.)					
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			c. ADDRESS (Street, City, State, and Zip Code)		
b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)					
6. COMMENTS					

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Previous editions are obsolete.

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